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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 5, 2009
Meeting Time: 11:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Rep. Vanessa Summers, Chairperson; Rep. Cindy Noe; Rebecca Bickel; Tracie Wells; James L. Greeson; Josh Richardson for Teresa Voors; Steve Wolff for Mitch Roob; Melanie Brizzi for Cathy Boggs.

Members Absent: Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Connie Sipes; Cinda Kelley; Tony Bennett; Judith A. Monroe.

Rep. Summers called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. She noted that the final meeting of the Committee for the 2009 interim will be held in Room 233 of the State House on October 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. She informed the members that recommendations for proposed legislation and the final report to be considered by the Committee at the October 21, 2009, meeting should be provided to Ms. Naughton before October 8, 2009.

Information Requested from the Bureau of Child Care

Melanie Brizzi, Director, Bureau of Child Care (BCC), briefly discussed a copy of a federal

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Centers for Disease Control (CDC) document² concerning school communications about the H1N1 flu, noting that the document is available to child care providers participating in the Child Care and Development Fund program (CCDF) from the BCC and on-line at the CDC internet site. Ms. Brizzi then provided four additional handouts³ reflecting the number of children, and the number and capacity of each type of child care provider, located in each county in Indiana. She noted that approximately 65% of children in Indiana are in child care and that child care centers are not viable in some Indiana counties.

In response to questions from Ms. Bickel, Rep. Noe, and Rep. Summers, Ms. Brizzi stated that:

- (a) the BCC is using the data contained in the handouts in the BCC's promotion of child care provider licensure and quality projects;
- (b) the BCC is determining whether and how to promote licensure of family and friend care;
- (c) there are different types of child care centers, including those that are: part of large corporations; individually owned; or non-profit organizations, all of which follow the same requirements for licensure;
- (d) licensed child care provider caregivers are required to provide to parents daily written and oral communication about the child's activities throughout the day;
- (e) Paths to Quality (PTQ) helps each type of child care provider with quality of care and should be a voluntary program that supplements basic health and safety requirements for all types of child care;
- (f) basic health and safety requirements do not statutorily apply to all child care providers and are not met by some child care providers;
- (g) registered child care ministries should be required to meet the same basic health and safety requirements that licensed child care providers must meet;
- (h) the recommendation provided by the representatives of registered child care ministries during the September 15, 2009, meeting of the Committee specifies the additional basic health and safety requirements that registered child care ministries are not currently required to meet; and
- (i) market principles do not work with respect to parent choice of child care because parents cannot always afford their first choice of child care provider.

Rep. Summers requested that PD 3113⁴ (requiring creation of a child care ministry advisory committee and specifying staffing requirements for registered child care ministries) be distributed and explained by Ms. Naughton. Following the explanation, Rep. Summers requested the members to forward any recommended changes to PD 3113 to Ms. Naughton before October 8, 2009.

In response to a question from Ms. Bickel, Ms. Brizzi stated that the inspectors that currently inspect registered child care ministries would be responsible for inspecting for compliance with the requirements contained in PD 3113, if the requirements become law.

Information Concerning Nutrition and Child Care

Marcie Memmer, Director, Nutrition and Physical Activity Program, Indiana State Department of

²Attachment 1.

³Attachments 2 through 5.

⁴Attachment 6.

Health (ISDH), and Laura Hormuth, Nutritionist, ISDH, provided two handouts⁵ and discussed: (a) the increasing number of children in child care; (b) children's need for opportunities for structured and unstructured physical activity throughout the day; (c) children's need for appropriate nutrition to maintain appropriate weight; and (d) importance of child care provider education and participation in meeting the activity and nutrition needs of children, including support for breast feeding.

In response to a question from Rep. Noe, Ms. Hormuth noted new recommendations for decreasing cesarean sections and increasing breast feeding in hospitals, and stated that she was unaware of an association between intestinal flora and type of delivery.

Kent Hatcher, Program Coordinator, School and Community Nutrition, Indiana Department of Education (DOE), provided two handouts⁶ and discussed: (a) child care provider participation in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP); (b) the meal pattern requirements under the CACFP for children of various ages; (c) CACFP eligibility; and (d) DOE involvement in nutrition training and funding training for child care providers.

United Way of Central Indiana Success by Six Program

Ted Maple, Director, Success by Six, United Way of Central Indiana (UWCI), provided a handout of his presentation.⁷ Mr. Maple explained that the Success by Six program: (a) is part of the UWCI's "Ready to Learn, Ready to Earn" priority; (b) is currently focused on 17 registered child care ministries in two inner city neighborhoods in Indianapolis; and (c) provides: (1) frequent mentoring to improve quality; (2) mini-grants; and (3) capital improvements to meet PTQ requirements. He stated that child care ministries were chosen because they often struggle with quality of child care when compared to licensed child care providers, as demonstrated by the results of a 2005 study by Purdue University.

Mr. Maple introduced Pastor Mike Bowling of the Englewood Christian Church in Indianapolis (Englewood), explaining that the Englewood child care ministry has benefitted from the Success by Six program through physical improvements such as fire escapes, lighting, alarms, and restrooms provided by funding and in-kind donations. Pastor Bowling noted that:

- (a) Englewood has provided child care for many years with necessary supplementation by the congregation of the child care ministry's income, which was insufficient to maintain the child care ministry;
- (b) because of the child care ministry funding constraints, physical improvements to the child care ministry location were previously impossible;
- (c) the highly qualified caregivers of the child care ministry receive comparatively low salaries;
- (d) the assistance through Success by Six and PTQ has resulted in several caregivers returning to school for child care related education;
- (e) the child care ministry's waiting list has increased to more than 100 children; and
- (f) Englewood has achieved a PTQ level 1 designation.

Mr. Greeson commended Englewood's participation and improvements in serving the

⁵Attachments 7 and 8.

⁶Attachments 9 and 10.

⁷Attachment 11.

neighborhood in which Englewood is located. Rep. Noe reiterated Mr. Greeson's statement.

In response to questions from Rep. Noe, Pastor Bowling stated that: (a) parents of the children in the care of Englewood's child care ministry seem to be more interested and involved in their children's child care and education as a result of the pride they take in having their children cared for by a child care provider that is making improvements in physical location and services through Success by Six and PTQ; (b) CCDF funding is insufficient to provide better salaries for caregivers at Englewood; and (c) mentoring that is provided to the caregivers through Success by Six and PTQ improves the curriculum used by the child care ministry.

In response to questions from Rep. Noe and Ms. Bickel, Mr. Maple stated that: (a) significant in-kind contributions have been made to the Success by Six program by Halstead Architects and The Hagerman Group; and (b) it is hoped that Success by Six may be expanded to other communities and serve as a demonstration project for use throughout the state through matching of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for mentoring and capital improvements.

Reports from Child Care Advisory Committees

Noel Hanson, representing the Child Care Home Advisory Committee (CCHAC), discussed a handout⁸ providing a report on the CCHAC's work to date and planned topics to be addressed in the future. She noted that presentations by outside organizations: (a) have been made to provide education to child care home providers about curriculum, business issues, and PTQ; and (b) are being planned to provide education to child care home providers about CCDF, PTQ, and tax issues for child care homes.

Mike Garatoni, representing the Child Care Center Advisory Committee, discussed the contents of two handouts⁹ concerning child care marketing and child care provider licensing differences impacting parents' choice of child care provider.

In response to questions from Ms. Wells, Rep. Summers, and Rep. Noe, Mr. Garatoni stated that: (a) child care centers are required to comply with more statutory requirements so are more expensive and less competitive in price than other child care provider types; (b) some child care centers have changed their status to child care ministries to avoid the licensing requirements that apply to child care centers; and (c) only licensed child care providers are required to report injuries to children in their care.

In response to a question from Rep. Noe, Ms. Brizzi stated that various nationwide (United States) studies have shown that child care centers generally have better outcomes of care than other types of child care providers.

Rep. Summers requested that the members provide any suggested recommendations for the Committee's final report, and any suggestions for proposed legislation, to Ms. Naughton before October 8, 2009.

With no further business to discuss, Rep. Summers adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

⁸Attachment 12.

⁹Attachments 13 and 14.